58. An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 54, wherein the archwire slot includes a notch, and wherein the shutter includes an end that is positioned in the notch when the shutter is in the closed position.

59. An orthodontic bracket as claimed in claim 54, wherein the locking shutter is pivotally coupled to the body.

REMARKS

For the convenience of the Examiner, it is noted that claims 41-59 are primarily directed to embodiments including a locking shutter having a stem positioned between two tie wings (e.g., Figs. 6-11).

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